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In re Application of:

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Group Art Unit: **2154**

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Examiner: **Haresh N. Patel**

For: **METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR REGISTERING AND STORING  
DEPENDENCIES AMONG APPLICATIONS AND OBJECTS IN A  
COMPUTER SYSTEM, AND FOR COMMUNICATING THE  
DEPENDENCIES TO A RECOVERY OR BACKUP SERVICE**

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In response to the Final Official Action dated **September 7, 2006**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page                      of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page                      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 6 of this paper.